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For: ORAL HYGIENE PRODUCT CONTAINING SPHERIVAL MICROPARTICLES
ON THE BASIS OF LINEAR WATER-INSOLUBLE POLYGLUCANS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel claims 1-12 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following new claims:

--13. An oral hygiene product which comprises spherical microparticles wherein the microparticles comprise at least one water-insoluble unbranched polyglucan.

14. The oral hygiene product as claimed in claim 13, wherein the microparticles have a mean diameter of from 1 nm to 100 μ m.